

Remarks

The Office Action dated January 10, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006, for the above-identified patent application from April 10, 2006, through and including May 10, 2006. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$120.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

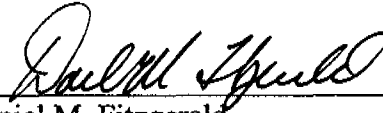
Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. Claims 1-31 are deemed allowable subject to resolution of certain informal matters.

The Office Action states that while the previously filed amendment overcomes the deficiencies outlined in the prior Office Action, the claims in the present form contain certain minor deficiencies. Applicant submits that independent Claims 1, 7, and 15 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the minor deficiencies set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 1-31 are allowable.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the present patent application be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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